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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert W. Gambino

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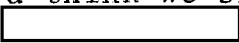


SUBJECT: Unauthorized Disclosures

1. We have learned that the DCI will be talking to Secretary of Defense Brown on Friday, 6 April, about leaks. We just sent the Director the pattern analysis he asked for. It doesn't provide him much to use in the line of corrective actions. He might appreciate something soon.

2. Along that line, I've drafted the attached for your consideration. It tells the DCI that we are doing something, if he approves:

- Establishing a Subcommittee on Leaks (and offers opportunity for DCI input into mission and functions).
- Establishing a Quick Response Group
- Seeking relief under E.O. 12036 from reluctance of Justice to investigate.

3. It is just a thought. If you think we should discuss the matter more fully with SECOM and  as a first step, just return the package and I'll use the material later.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM: Robert W. Gambino  
Chairman  
SUBJECT: Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified  
Intelligence Information

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1. Our national security and the success of the intelligence effort of the U.S. Government are being adversely affected by the unauthorized disclosure of classified intelligence information, including revelation of intelligence sources and methods by the public information media. Such revelations have plagued the USIB and NFIB intelligence community since the early 1960's. Exposure of national intelligence has continued throughout the present decade, and are of concern to me because of the potential damage, and, in some instances, the great harm they can inflict upon the effectiveness of the national intelligence effort.

2. With your approval, I propose taking the following actions:

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a. Establish a Subcommittee of the Security Committee to be known as the Unauthorized Disclosure Investigative Subcommittee, which will concentrate on ways to prevent public media leaks, and participate in each unauthorized disclosure inquiry, including the preparation of a damage assessment. The charter of this group is being prepared and will be submitted for your approval following coordination in the Community. Your ideas on the scope, mission and function of this subcommittee would be appreciated. (C)

b. To facilitate the timely effectiveness of the proposed Subcommittee, each NFIB Agency will identify a point of contact to form the cadre of a Quick Response Group, whose purpose will be to determine, through initial evaluation of a public media disclosure, whether or not an unauthorized disclosure of intelligence has occurred. It is anticipated that the response of this element will be enhanced through steps now being taken to revitalize the Office of Security unauthorized disclosure data base. (C)

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c. Working with representatives of your Office of General Counsel, move to obtain relief from the Department of Justice and FBI's apparent unwillingness to conduct investigations into unauthorized disclosures without the pre-condition of declassification. In this regard, your support, through informal contact with Judge Bell and Judge Webster, would be of assistance. (S)

d. Use the mechanism of the Security Committee to emphasize the potential for serious damage caused by unauthorized disclosures. I have already directed that our security awareness indoctrinations and briefings stress this awareness, and propose that you consider seeking an expression of Presidential concern on this vital issue. Should you agree, necessary drafts will be prepared for your review. (U)

e. In light of Executive Order 12036, Section 1-707, coordinate through the Security Committee, referrals to the Justice Department, requesting that unauthorized intelligence disclosures be investigated by the FBI. (U)

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3. Actions taken over the years to prevent unauthorized disclosures have not met with renowned success, but this should not serve as grounds for inertia. The environment and tenor in high reaches of both the Executive and Legislative Branches, signals that the time is right for renewed effort in this area of continued concern. (C)

4. Your approval will initiate the proposals set forth above, and be the impetus for subsequent follow through in others that more than likely will arise as we progress.

Robert W. Gambino

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Director of Central Intelligence

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Director of Central Intelligence

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